

## House Resolution 1210

By: Representatives Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup> and Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Boy Scouts of America program and recognizing February 8, 2010, as  
2 "Boy Scouts of America 100 Years of Scouting Day"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was established in 1910 to teach patriotism,  
4 courage, self-reliance, and kindred values; and

5 WHEREAS, scouting evolved during the early 1900's through the efforts of several men  
6 dedicated to bettering youth who conceived a program of outdoor activities that developed  
7 skills in young boys and gave them a sense of enjoyment, fellowship, and a code of conduct  
8 for everyday living; and

9 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America today is the largest youth service organization in  
10 America, with nearly three million members learning responsible citizenship, character  
11 development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities,  
12 educational programs, and career-oriented programs in partnership with community  
13 organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop American citizens who are  
15 physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced  
16 in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on  
17 religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the  
18 American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take  
19 pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen  
20 respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give  
21 leadership to American society; and

22 WHEREAS, thousands of volunteer leaders across the United States, both men and women,  
23 are involved in the Boy Scout program, serving in a variety of jobs, from unit leaders to

24 chairmen of troop committees and committee members, merit badge counselors, and  
25 chartered organization representatives; and

26 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost program of character  
27 development and values based leadership training for youth, fostering the philosophy of duty  
28 to God, country, and self and a commitment to others through a comprehensive program of  
29 responsible fun, outdoor adventure, and service projects; and

30 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Boy Scouts of America program celebrates its centennial  
31 anniversary, demonstrating 100 years of its core value of service to others; and

32 WHEREAS, such a worthwhile program deserves respect, admiration, gratitude, and  
33 commendation for the impact it has had and continues to have on the character of the youth  
34 of this state and this nation.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the Boy Scouts of America are hereby commended for their many achievements and  
37 contributions to the welfare of this state, and February 8, 2010, is hereby recognized as "Boy  
38 Scouts of America 100 Years of Scouting Day."

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Boy Scouts of America  
41 program.